

SENATE RESOLUTION 130
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pearl Trotter on the celebration of her one-hundredth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Trotter will celebrate her one-hundredth birthday on March 4, 2002, an occasion that will be commemorated with great happiness in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and enthusiasm for the future; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Vacey Lou Manning and Ed Suiter, Mrs. Trotter was born and raised in Montgomery County where she attended Clarksville High School; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1919, she married her sweetheart, Walter Rye Trotter; the Trotters fifty-six year marriage produced six loving children, Marjorie Trotter Green, who is deceased, Billy Ed Trotter, Donald Paul Trotter, Sue Trotter Slate, Welbon Rye Trotter, and Glen Phillip Trotter; twenty grandchildren; forty-four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; sadly, Walter Trotter passed away on November 3, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Trotter is a loving mother who has made her home a joyful haven; she raised her children to cherish the values of their Christian faith and to appreciate the many privileges of being an American citizen; and

WHEREAS, leading by example, she has only missed voting in two elections since Women's Suffrage; both absences were due to her giving birth to her daughter, Sue, on November 6, 1932 and her son, Phillip, on November 10, 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trotter has lent her time and considerable talents to several community organizations, including serving on the first PTA in the Clarksville School System and supporting the first Little League Baseball Team in Clarksville, where her son, Phillip, was a member; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Trotter was also a member of the War Mothers; her oldest son, Billy, was drafted into the United States Army when he was a Senior at Clarksville High School; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of the First Baptist Church since 1935, she has faithfully served in the Baptist Young People's Union, VBS, and for many years in the Preschool Ministry; in past years, she graciously undertook the responsibility of preparing snacks for all the preschool children, earning the affectionate nickname "the Cookie Lady"; and

WHEREAS, a vital and active member of her church and community, Mrs. Trotter lives at her home in Clarksville where she loves to entertain family and friends; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2002, friends and family will join together at the First Baptist Church to celebrate the one-hundredth birthday of this loving mother, devout Christian, kind neighbor and friend, and remarkable human being; and

WHEREAS, it is the pleasure of this legislative body to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens as she embarks upon the eleventh decade of her life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Pearl Trotter on the celebration of her one- hundredth birthday, commend her life of service and goodwill, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

